AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition for ~~preventing or~~ treating obesity and metabolic syndrome diseases, comprising a therapeutically and/or prophylactically effective amount of Danshen *(Salvia miltiorrhiza)* extract

wherein the Danshen extract comprises ~~two or more compounds selected from the group consisting of~~ cryptotanshinone and, tanshinone IIA; and further comprising one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of, tanshinone I and l5,16-dihydrotanshinone I, wherein the composition is used for treating obesity and metabolic syndrome diseases.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The composition as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of 1β-hydroxycryptotanshinone, 1 -oxocryptotanshinone, tanshinol B, tanshinol IIB, przewaquinone A, dihydroisotanshinone I, tanshinone IIA sulfonate, 1,2-dihydrotanshinone I and tanshinone VI.

7. (Previously Presented) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the ratio of one component: the remaining component(s) is in the range of 10:1 to 1:10 (w/w).

8. (Previously Presented) The composition as set forth in claim 7, wherein the ratio of one component: the remaining component(s) is in the range of 5:1 to 1:5.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition as set forth in claim 8, wherein the ratio of one component: the remaining component(s)is in the range of 2.5:1 to 1:2.5.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~the two or more compounds include cryptotanshinone and tanshinone IIA, and~~ the ratio ~~therebetween~~ between cryptotanshinone and tanshinone IIA is in the range of 1:5 to 5:1 (w/w).

11. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein two or more compounds includes 15,16-dihydrotanshinone I and tanshinone I, and the ratio therebetween is in the range of 1:5 to 5:1 (w/w).

12. (Previously Presented) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition comprises cryptotanshinone as the most abundant ingredient.

13. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition comprises 15,1 6-dihydrotanshinone I as the most abundant ingredient.

14. (Previously Presented) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition comprises tanshinone IIA as the most abundant ingredient.

15. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition comprises tanshinone I as the most abundant ingredient.

16. –17. (Cancelled)

18. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition includes 15,16-dihydrotanshinone I, and optionally, comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of cryptotanshinone, tanshinone IIA and tanshinone I.

19. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition includes tanshinone I, and optionally, comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of cryptotanshinone, tanshinone IIA and 15,16-dihydrotanshinone I.

20. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 16, wherein the composition comprises both cryptotanshinone and 15,16-dihydrotanshinone I.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 17, wherein the composition comprises both tanshinone IIA and 15,16-dihydrotanshinone I.

23. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 17, wherein the composition comprises both tanshinone IIA and tanshinone I.

24. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 18, wherein the composition comprises both 15,16-dihydrotanshinone I and tanshinone I.

25. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 16, wherein the composition comprises both tanshinone I and cryptotanshinone.

26. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 20, wherein the mixing ratio between both ingredients is in the range of 10:1 to 1:10 (w/w).

27. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 26, wherein the mixing ratio is in the range of 5:1 to 1:5.

28. (Original) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the metabolic syndrome disease is at least one selected from the group consisting of obesity, diabetes, arteriosclerosis, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, hepatic diseases, cerebral apoplexy, myocardial

infarction, ischemic diseases and cardiovascular diseases.

29. (Original) The composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition increases activity of 5' AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK)

30. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 29, wherein the composition increases activity of AMPK to promote cellular blood glucose uptake, thereby lowering blood glucose level.

31. (Original) The composition as set forth in claim 29, wherein the composition increases activity of AMPK to exhibit obesity-inhibitory activity.

32. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 29, wherein the composition increases activity of AMPK to exhibit blood lipid-lowering activity.

33. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 29, wherein the composition increases activity of AMPK to exhibit activity of inhibiting hepatocytic damage and formation of fatty liver.

34. (Withdrawn) The composition as set forth in claim 29, wherein the composition increases activity of AMPK to exhibit therapeutic activity on arteriosclerosis, hypertension, cerebral apoplexy, ischemic diseases and cardiovascular diseases.

35. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical formulation for preventing and/or treating obesity and metabolic syndrome diseases, comprising the composition of claim 1 as the active ingredient and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients.

36. (Previously Presented) The formulation as set forth in claim 35, wherein the content of the active ingredient is in the range of 0.0001 to 10% by weight.

37. (Previously Presented) The formulation as set forth in claim 35, wherein the formulation is a multi-or unit-dosage form for oral or parenteral administration, including tablets, powder, hard or soft capsules, suspensions, injectable preparations and emulsions.

38. (Previously Presented) The formulation as set forth in claim 35, wherein the active ingredient in the formulation is administered in the range of 0.1 to 6,000 mg/day/kg bw, for adults.

39. (Previously Presented) The formulation as set forth in claim 35, wherein the formulation comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient such that it can be prepared in the form of beverages, foods or cosmetics.

40. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a Danshen extract, comprising:

subjecting Danshen (Salvia miltiorrhiza) to water or organic solvent extraction to obtain crude extracts;

filtering the crude extracts, followed by ~~(~~vacuum~~)~~ concentration; and optionally, removing solvent.

41. (Currently Amended) The formulation as set forth in claim 40, wherein the Danshen extract is a dried ~~drug~~ material or raw ~~drug~~ material.